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News worth sharing.



Jays. Bearing gifts

► Megan Lee, 8, gets some hitting tips from Toronto Blue Jays catcher J.P. Arencibia.

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Blue Jays pay visit to city kids

The Toronto Blue Jays Winter Tour stopped by the downtown YMCA yesterday afternoon. Dozens of local kids got to play alongside their major league heroes for a few hours. The Blue Jays — represented by manager John Farrell, pitching coach Bruce Walton, catcher J.P. Arencibia, and pitchers Ricky Romero and Jesse Litsch — also donated Rawlings baseball equipment to the centre. Today, the tour will make stops at two local schools before heading to CrossIron Mills mall to sign autographs.

PM content to leave laws be

Harper shares feelings on death penalty, abortion {page 6}

Passing the borrowed buck

John Mazerolle blames you for his debt load {page 9}

Mounties nab terror suspect

► U.S. Justice Department said taped conversations that led to arrest were obtained through wiretaps and search warrants authorized by Canadian courts

A man who the U.S. Justice Department alleges had aspirations to become a suicide bomber was arrested in Edmonton by RCMP yesterday and charged with conspiring to kill American soldiers in Iraq. Sayfildin Tahir Sharif, 38, was held in custody pending a request by the United States to extradite him to stand trial. He was scheduled to appear in court today to answer to the charges.

He was also charged with providing material support to a multinational terrorist network that took part in a suicide bombing on April 10, 2009, that killed five U.S. soldiers near a base in Mosul, Iraq.

A news release issued by the U.S. Justice Department said the soldiers — one of them a 32-year-old sergeant and the rest between the ages of 20 and 25 — died when a Tunisian jihadist drove a truck laden with explosives to the gate of the U.S. military base in the region.

RCMP spokeswoman Doris Stapleton said Mounties arrested Sharif without incident at the request of the FBI. The Jus-

10 days earlier

Sayfildin Tahir Sharif is also alleged to have links to a bombing at an Iraqi police station on March 31, 2009, in which at least seven Iraqis were killed.

► The Justice Department says Sharif has continued to support attacks in Iraq since then, including an attempt by the terrorist network to send a second group of Tunisian jihadists into the country.

Justice Department said Sharif has aliases including Tahir Sharif Sayfildin, Faruk Khalil Muhammad 'Isa and Faruk Khalil Muhammad 'Isa.

Canada's public safety minister, Vic Toews, praised the Mounties for their involvement.

"The government of Canada remains unwavering in its commitment to protect Canadians and support the global fight against terrorism," Toews said in a news release. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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'Sick day' solidarity over safety: Sunshine employee

Safety at a popular Banff-area ski hill has come under scrutiny as a hill review is scheduled for today.

Yesterday, a shortage of safety staff forced Sunshine Village to operate only four of its 12 lifts. Many lifts remained closed after a dozen ski patrollers called in sick.

An employee of the Banff-area hill said the absences were a show of solidarity.

After a number of senior employees were fired earlier in the season, remaining ski patrol staff have been asked to work extra hours, come in on days off and work when sick to keep the hill running, said the employee.

"All we want is to operate safely," said the employee, who asked to remain anonymous for fear of losing his job.

"We have stepped up out of our moral obligation to the public, but we can't continue to operate safely so short-staffed."

Sunshine spokesman Doug Firby said he could not comment on personnel issues but that he was "taking (sick employees) at their word."

Firby did state that anyone planning to head to the hill today should go to the website to confirm their operational capacity.

The employee said that with the concern for safety, a formal complaint is currently being drafted to spark an inquiry by the Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association (AEDARSA), which oversees gondola safety regulations.

Late yesterday, AEDARSA told Metro it would be conducting an on-site review of Sunshine Village safety today.

● CAROLINA NOVOTNY



► The city has forged ahead with plans for provincial Green Trip funding.

Southeast gets wheel relief

- \$73.4 million in Green Trip funding towards a southeast transit way
- Calgary Transit to purchase 30 new C-Train cars to add to existing line



KATIE TURNER
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Relief is en route for commuters in the southeast area of the city, but it's unclear what that relief will look like.

A city committee decided yesterday to recommend that council dedicate \$73.4 million of provincial Green Trip funding to a southeast transit way.

"We're not sure what

we're getting but we got \$73 million and that's more than we've got in the last 20 years," said Ald. Shane Keating, one of four aldermen who pushed for southeast transit development.

Transit-planning manager Neil McKendrick said any tangible changes won't take place until a year and a half to two years from now.

"We have to do this pre-design study," he said, adding that will deter-

mine if an LRT line or a bus rapid-transit line is the best option.

While an LRT line would likely be at least 10 years away, Mayor Naheed Nenshi said he's happy to see things are started.

"It definitely puts the groundwork into place for a future southeast LRT, which we don't have the money for today."

Council will vote on these recommendations on Monday.

In motion

► Twenty of the new C-Train vehicles will go towards retiring old cars, and 10 will be used to create four-car trains.

► This is the first phase of the provincial Green Trip funding.

► The second phase is meant to come in three years and will cost nearly \$735 million.

Drug bust nets guns too

Police have seized several kilograms of cocaine and two Calgary men face a host of charges following a two-month investigation.

Four homes were searched Tuesday in the city's north end. Police discovered the drugs, worth an estimated \$350,000, cash totalling \$45,000, two handguns, one assault rifle and a working Taser.

"I don't think anything surprises us anymore,"

41 Alexander Kosmak faces 41 charges in relation to the drug bust.

said Det. Collin Harri, when asked about the seized items.

Alexander Kosmak, 26, faces charges for drug- and weapon-related offences, while Philip Defazio, 22, faces four charges.

● JEREMY NOLAIS



► Items seized in city bust.

News in brief

Tummy tuck inquiry begins

RARE COMPLICATION. An inquiry into Calgarian Ashish Toews' death began yesterday. The proceeding, which will examine the tummy-tuck surgery Toews underwent in 2008, will likely run all week.

The medical examiner report identified a rare complication as the cause of death.

The inquiry will not es-

tablish legal responsibility but will recommend ways to prevent such incidents.

Katy Perry a Stampede dream

ON TOUR. What happens when we wake up in Vegas? We get a Katy Perry concert in the Stampede city, that's what.

The Calgary Stampede announced yesterday it will host Katy Perry's California Dreams Tour.

Perry will perform Saturday, July 16. Tickets for the event go on sale Feb. 26. ● METRO



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'Why demonize anyone who asks questions?'

- Motion for independent review of lease defeated 5-2
- Workers to move into new CBE building next month



JEREMY NOLAÏS
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Parents angry over the Calgary Board of Education's rejection of an independent review into the \$285-million lease for its new headquarters say they plan to take the matter to the province.

But Kathy Telfer, speaking on behalf of Alberta Education Minister Dave Hancock, said the matter is considered a local issue.

"In order to do an inquiry or investigation, there has to be a significant ongoing issue relative to administration or financial liability and that sort of thing," Telfer said.



Laura Shutiak, the former president of the Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils, isn't convinced.

"I think, now, this is really about more than a building," she said, "this is about how the CBE does business ... maybe they didn't do anything wrong, but why de-

monize anyone who asks questions about (the building)?"

Fellow education advocate Josh Traptow, who gave a presentation urging for the independent review prior to Tuesday's vote, agreed.

"Because they are elected officials, there is a degree of expectation that they are accountable and transparent and they need to show that," he said.

CBE spokesperson Ted Flitton acknowledged that communication with the public could have been better regarding the lease, but said most trustees believe there is no reason to suspect anything untoward has occurred.

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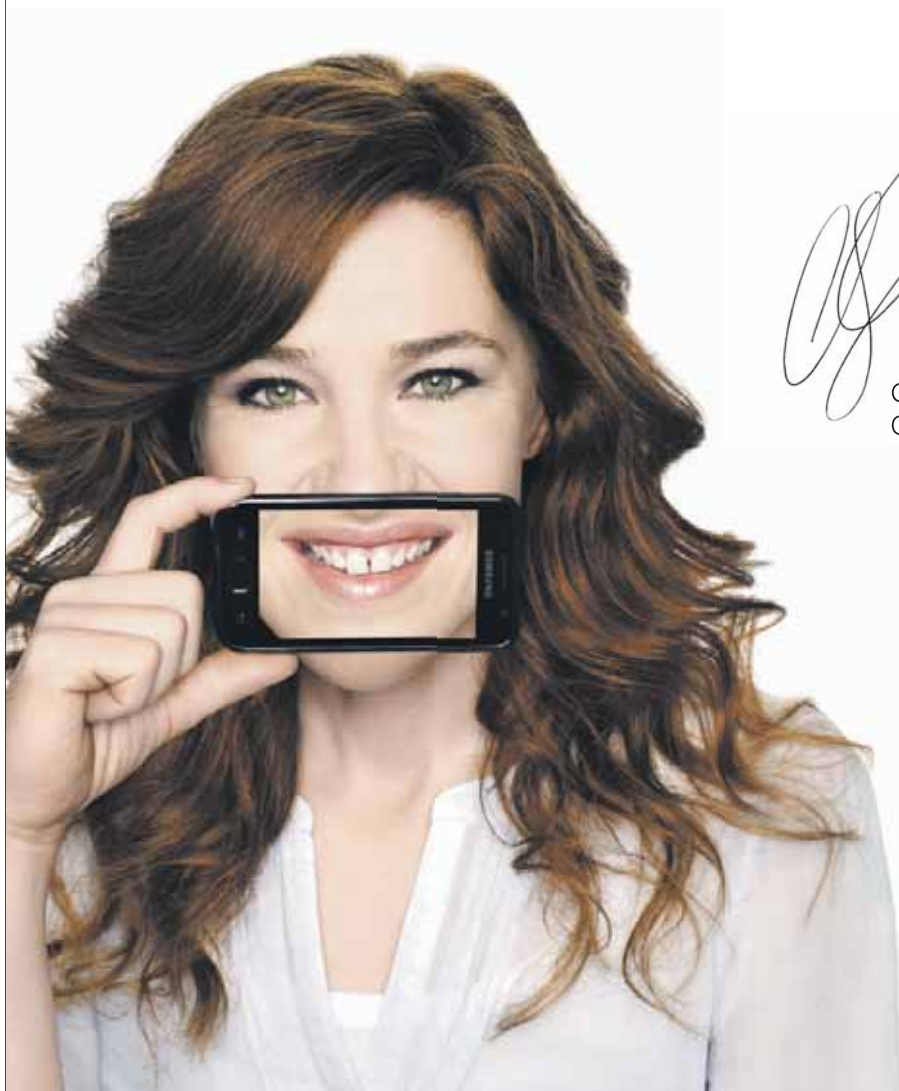
On February 9th, mental health is on everyone's lips.

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A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Clara Hughes'.

Clara Hughes
Olympic champion



Harper on the death penalty: Yes — and no

► Won't spark abortion debate, PM insists in interview

In a candid television interview, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has revealed his inner feelings about the death penalty and abortion.

He says he personally favours the death penalty in some instances.

But he has no plans to resurrect debate over capital punishment — at least not in the next parliament.

Harper was even more categorical about abortion, indicating he has no interest in ever reopening debate on that hot potato.

Harper's views on the

Layton's worried

► Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton said Harper's responses on the death penalty and abortion were so carefully worded they raised alarm bells.

► Layton said Harper is leaving the door open for a private member's bill that would reinstate the death penalty.

hot-button issues were probed by Peter Mansbridge, anchor of CBC's The National, who wanted to know what he would do should he manage to win a majority.

On reinstating capital

punishment, Harper said simply: "I don't see the country as wanting to do that."

When Mansbridge pointed out he seemed to be closing the door less firmly on that issue, Harper added, somewhat disjointedly:

"Well, I personally think there are times when capital punishment is appropriate."

"But I've also committed that I'm not, you know, in the next parliament, I'm not, no plans to bring that issue forward." On abortion, Harper said: "I'm not interested in having a debate over abortion law."

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Montreal. A demo with a difference



► Mothers turn out to support their right to breastfeed in public.

RYAN REMIOWSKI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oh baby, mommy's protesting

About 60 mothers staged a group breastfeeding session in a Montreal mall yesterday in support of nursing in public. They spent about one hour nursing their infants in front of a store where a Montreal mother was recently asked to stop breastfeeding her five-month-old girl. The store later apologized.

60 An anonymous man began the tribute at Poe's grave more than 60 years ago. He was always dressed in black, with a white scarf and a wide-brimmed hat.

The final chapter?

The unknown man who for decades left three roses and a half-bottle of cognac at writer Edgar Allan Poe's Baltimore, Md., grave on

his birthday failed to appear yesterday, fuelling speculation he may have died.

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O Canada, we're all couch potatoes

The vast majority of Canadian adults and their kids are falling short of even minimum recommended levels of exercise.

It's a "physical inactivity crisis" that experts say is threatening the health of multiple generations.

Experts and health pro-

motion organizations sounded the alarm yesterday after a Statistics Canada report found only 15 per cent of adults were meeting basic physical activity targets of 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise a week.

The picture was even

more dismal for children between five and 17 — just seven per cent were getting the recommended hour of exercise per day.

"I honestly tell you, I could cry," said Kelly Murumets, president of national fitness advocacy group

ParticipAction Canada.

"Canadians are at an alarming, alarming low level of physical activity."

"If we weren't sure we had a crisis before, certainly Canadians must know we have a crisis now."

ParticipAction will be urging adults to make

lifestyle changes that will benefit the next generation, she added.

The organization's new campaign, Think Again, to roll out next week, will emphasize the responsibility parents have to protect the health of their kids.

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Time for action

► The numbers — gathered between 2007 and 2009 — found just 17 per cent of adult men and nine per cent of young boys were meeting the minimum guidelines.

► Women fared worse; just 14 per cent of adults and four per cent of children reach their targets.



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TFSAs are also quick and easy to open. And they're useful to hold in addition to other registered plans, such as RRSPs or Registered Education Saving Plans (RESPs), especially if you've already exceeded your annual contribution limit or the lifetime maximum.

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New mortgage loan measures too harsh?

**► Report critical of Ottawa's housing loan clampdown
comes 2 days after finance minister altered lending rules**

The risk of mortgage rates rising to unaffordable levels in the near future is "negligible" and recent measures taken by Ottawa to clamp down on housing loans may be too harsh, says Canada's mortgage industry association.

Due to the effect of tightened lending rules, "housing demand at present and for the near future is probably lower than it needs to be," according to the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals, which represents brokers and others in the industry.

In fact, the group suggested in a report yesterday that the rules may



► Will Dunning

need to be relaxed.

CAAMP said that a vast majority of borrowers studied had left themselves room to absorb a hike of as much as one percentage point on fixed-rate

mortgages and even more on variable-rate mortgages.

"Canadians — lenders and borrowers — have been highly prudent in the mortgage market," Will Dunning, the association's chief economist, wrote in the report.

"There have been some calls for mortgage lending criteria to be tightened further."

"This analysis concludes that Canadian lending criteria are already tight enough. In fact, some might argue that with the changes implemented in April 2010, Canadian criteria are currently too tight."

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Wind seeks protection for cell users

Wireless company Wind Mobile wants the federal and provincial governments to provide better consumer protection for cellphone users, including reducing early contract termination fees.

"All Canadians should be offered similar protection," Wind Mobile chairman Anthony Lacavera said yesterday.

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JOHN MAZEROLLE



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Because let's face it: You made

it OK. The average Canadian owes more than they earn in a year, which is three-syllable c-raaa-zy, but everybody acts like it's business as usual. If I'm chatting with you and mention that I'm \$50,000 in debt your typical response is to make a high-pitched "hmpf" noise — the kind of noise that says, "Not good, but not bad."

Canadians' finances are crashing like the Hindenburg, but instead of "Oh, the humanity!" the reporter says, "Could be worse! Back to you, Tom."

Thanks for nothing, reader. Thanks for \$50,000 less than

nothing.

We live in a society where it's seen as some sort of victory to get back to breaking even, as if keeping your nostrils barely above the waterline proves you're a seasoned swimmer. Heck, a friend of mine once bought a \$1,500 suit to celebrate getting out of debt, which is sort of like lighting a cigar to celebrate a

successful lung transplant.

Nobody actually owns anything; it's all credit. We should change the verb to, "I owe a house, and I owe a car."

We've been conditioned by each other to believe that debt is

fine. See how I'm blameless?

With the Can-Con company I keep, can I really be held accountable for my lack of financial savvy? I'm a victim of mob mentality.

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We asked: Who was your role model growing up?

@natomaton: Bugs Bunny. He was SUAVE.

@alaska1278: MY MOM DUKES WHO ELSE!! Mama boy.

@jewelyGEE: my role model was my imagination. might sound odd but it really had no limits and it was totally free!

TORONTO. My role model when I was growing up was and always will be my parents.

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days a year (Christmas Day and New Year's Day were half-days) for more than three decades!

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STEVE YUL CHUN

@levianacoccia: my role model growing up was probably one of the Spice Girls. Thank goodness I didn't turn out like a '90s Scary Spice!

CALGARY. My mom, of course!

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KELLIANN BROWN

Which two teams will play in the Super Bowl? Why?

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Metro Minute at Inks and Drinks

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► Tattoos will be the hot topic at Amsterdam Rhino tonight.

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Scene in brief



Roger Ebert is returning to the small screen. The famous film critic stopped appearing on television movie review shows in 2006 when cancer surgery left him unable to speak. But now he has his own segment on a new program, Ebert Presents at the Movies. The weekly show debuts Friday on PBS stations across America.

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Phoney Hollywood producer who scammed investors gets 4 years for violating probation

The man behind the Flames' curtain

- ▶ Reed Beesley has been bringing excitement to Flames fans for 15 years
- ▶ Pre-game routines not just for players, as Bees has his own traditions



▶ Reed Beesley is best known for his energetic outbursts when the Calgary Flames score a goal.

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He's the voice that makes you jump out of your seat ... in a good way. Affectionately known as Beesley on-air at Mix 97.7, he's better known as the voice of the Calgary Flames.

For more years than he bashfully cares to admit,

Reed Beesley has taken up residence in the best seat in the house. From his bird's eye view, he has seen the team through their highs and lows.

Despite the challenging 2010/11 season that has seen a stampede of people getting off the Flames bandwagon, Bees sticks by his team. Each game, he goes through superstitious rituals that include everything from the colour of tie he wears to walking the exact same flight of stairs up to the announcers booth.

"Over the years, I just

Beesley's Bio

- ▶ Reed Beesley's first radio job was the night shift at Canadian Armed Forces Base in West Germany
- ▶ He's been the voice of the Calgary Flames for 15 years
- ▶ His childhood ambition was to follow his father's footsteps and be a doctor ... until he saw the ER.

started getting into routines. I'm not sure if they are superstitious but it helps pump me up for the

game," says Bees, who is most recognized for his energetic outbursts when the Flames score.

If you're going to the game tonight, watch for this larger than life personality to take his now famous walk before the puck drops at 7 p.m.

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Champagne coupled her personal training experience with Calgary yoga guru Kim McNeil to form Nourish Retreats this past summer. The two actually met on Twitter.

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Kerr posts breastfeeding pic

Miranda Kerr took to her website to introduce her and Orlando Bloom's two-week-old son, Flynn, posting a picture of her breastfeeding the infant.

"On the sixth of January, I gave birth to our beautiful little son Flynn," Kerr writes.

"He weighed nine pounds, 12 ounces (a very healthy and big baby boy). I gave birth to him naturally, without any pain medication and it was a long, arduous and difficult labour, but Orlando was with me the whole time supporting and guiding me through it. I could not have done it without him." **METRO**



Michael Lohan says Lindsay keeping clean

So far so good for Lindsay Lohan, who has reportedly been passing all of her post-rehab drug tests, her dad, Michael Lohan, tells Hollyscoop.

"Lindsay is doing four or five tests a week and she

has passed all of them," he says.

Random drug-testing is part of Lindsay's probation, and each failed test would mean 30 more days behind bars.

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Talking points

Taylor off the market for now

PEOPLE Still reeling from her split from Jake Gyllenhaal, Taylor Swift is reportedly taking a break from dating to focus on her music career, according to Popeater.

"Taylor is not exactly a loner, but she fares well on her own and will be fine if she doesn't hook up with a guy immediately," says a source, who adds that the timing of her breakup with Gyllenhaal — right before Christmas — wasn't easy for her to handle.

"While people expected them to spend the Christmas holidays together, they were each photographed separately in different cities," says the source.

"It looked like things didn't work out."

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Celebrity tweets



Jane Fonda
[@Janefonda]

There's been commentary saying my right nipple was showing at the Golden Globes. ... That was my recent cancer scar. So there!



William Shatner
[@William-Shatner]

I'm thrilled to be working with an old friend, Lee Majors, on \$#! My Dad Says.



Rose McGowan
[@rose-mcgowan]

Ever get to the airport and find out your flight isn't until the NEXT day? Sadly, not the first time I've done this.



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Regis and Larry King are retiring. Meanwhile, Andy Rooney's still doing essays about paper clips.

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New books and movie reveal shadows in life of fashion stylist Isabella Blow

King of the cuffs



► Meet the English jewelry designer who has women from New York to Dubai scrambling to snag his glamorously cheeky bracelets, rings and necklaces

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► Nicholas King takes resin to another level.

"Anything that has a bit of sparkle to it works really well for me," says designer Nicholas King from his home in London. He's talking about his increasingly popular handmade jewelry collection (Cheryl Cole is just one of his high-profile fans), which includes an especially hot-selling series of resin and diamanté cuffs.

A major part of the appeal is that his pieces are Elizabeth Taylor glamorous in a Lady Gaga edgy kind of way. His work manages to be cheeky and cool. "I started out by taking a piece of tartan fabric and setting it in resin," says King, who worked in fashion for 17 years at houses including

"If you're going to do a plastic cuff, it has to be special."

John Galiano and Donna Karan before starting his own line. "But if you're going to do a plastic cuff, it has to be special," he adds with a wry sense of humour. So he moved on to metals and crystals.

"I like how it adds a richness to the jewelry," he says. Nicholas isn't the only one. In the short two years and six months since he started his business, his collection has been picked up by some of the world's most important fashion emporiums including Harrods, L'Éclaireur, 10 Corso

Como and Liberty of London, among others. Not to mention he's become a favourite among magazine editors.

That's an impressive accomplishment considering that King started his business the day that Lehman Brothers crashed, sending the global economy — and the fashion business in general — into a downward spiral. Despite his early successes, don't expect King to go the way of other young designers by launching a chain of premature brand extensions anytime soon. "I want my jewelry to be relevant for a long time so I'm just going to focus on growing slowly and organically."

King's ladies

Nicholas King is a modest gentleman and therefore wouldn't shamelessly name-drop the celebrities who love his work. "I'd love to dress Michelle Obama and Kate Middleton, though," he admits. We did, however, manage to get him to name two famous women who encapsulate his style.



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Monktastic

► Once the footwear of pious men, these monk shoes have become the shoe of choice for many trendy types

You'd never think it, but you owe it to the monks for bringing us the finer things in life – from champagne to these polished slip-ons. Today's monk shoes are a play on both the 15th century original and the 1920s re-design, with a classic low-cut and sharp side buckles. Less formal than the Oxford shoe, this style is an urban alternative to both the brogue and the boot.



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► Josh Peskowitz shows how monk shoes can be paired with cuffed trousers or slim cut jeans for a groomed and considered look.

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Off the floor: Staying stylish yet organized



To create some serious space in your closet, consider adding another hanging bar, or an extra shelf.

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An organized home is the first element to creating a comfortable and stylish place to live.

I'm a believer that the first step to being organized and having a clean home is to have nothing on the floor other than the furniture meant to be there.

Clothing, newspapers, toys, gym bags and shoes should all have a place.

Here's a few ways to get your stuff off the floor.

Clothing

Adding a second hanging bar in the closet for pants, installing an upper shelf to hold an extra row of folded sweaters and adding hooks to the inside of the closet doors will help your standard closet hold about 30 per cent more clothing and accessories.

Vacuum-sealed bags help reduce clothing's bulk and keep dust off out-of-season clothing and a canvas-portable closet is an affordable way to create an extra closet to hold the overflow.

They're also great to set up in an apartment storage locker to store out-of-season clothing.

While organizing your closet, why not spruce it up with a few decorative touches? Painting the inside of it a fashionable colour, adding updated door hardware and investing in attractive wooden hangers are simple ways to making the closet look like a million bucks.

Shoes

Building narrow shelves up the walls inside a closet is



A modern ladder becomes a magazine and newspaper display rack

the best way to store shoes. If done smart, you can contain 40 to 50 pairs of shoes in a single closet without taking away hanging space.

A tall, vertical shoe rack (easily purchased from display storage suppliers and online) keep your best shoes on view and easily accessible. If you have no room in your closet for shoes, consider decorative shoe boxes lined up at the edge of a staircase or stored in under-the-bed roll out drawers.

Hanging hooks

Decorative hooks are a dime a dozen, so buy at least a dozen and put them around your home. Those items that you need every day (scarves, purses, gym bags, etc.) will stay off the



Canvas-covered closets are portable and add valuable storage space anywhere.

floor and have a stylish place to call home.

Remember to hang at two heights — 42 inches and 66 inches off the floor. This will allow younger children to hang their coats and have them easily accessible. Towel bars can be a man's best friend too. Hung at the end of a kitchen island help to keep tea towels at bay while displayed vertically on the wall like ladder rungs, they become a great spot to display magazines and newspapers.

Speaking of ladders, why not use them to help get things off the floor?

The perfect dining room

► Nowadays, these rooms serve many purposes and embrace many styles

For generations, families ate in their kitchens and only ventured into their dining rooms on special occasions. The dining room was a place for guests, where stiff-backed chairs and fragile china kept everyone on their best behaviour.

But as our lives have changed, so have our din-

ing rooms.

Today's dining rooms are used in more ways than ever before, says HGTV host Genevieve Gorder.

They merge comfort and beauty to create a space where people want to linger.

Gorder and interior designers Brian Patrick Fly-

nn of decorademon.com, and Betsy Burnham of Burnham Design in Los Angeles, share the trends they've spotted and offer tips to create a perfect — and perfectly useful — dining room.

Multi-tasking at the table
Many home-owners now see the dining room as a flexible space where meals

are not the only priority.

In many homes, the dining room table is the go-to location for working on art projects, wrapping gifts and doing homework, says Flynn.

So people are seeking durable tables that can withstand plenty of attention, rather than carefully polished ones that are easily scratched.

Dining room storage has also changed.

The dining room may double as a home office, with a laptop and paperwork stashed in the sideboard during meals.

Mixing instead of matching

The days of the perfectly matched suite of furniture — the "dining room set" — are over.

In designer-decorated homes, you're more likely to see deliberately mismatched chairs and a table that contrasts starkly with the room's other furniture.

"Even retailers like West Elm are catching on" with this trend, Flynn says. They may offer matching chairs for the ends of the table and then a mix of



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seating for the sides that includes benches and chairs."

Dining without fear

We've moved away from "the severity of antiques we're afraid to touch," Gorder says, and moved toward "the rustic ele-

gance" of the big farmhouse tables you might find in Provence or Italy.

"It feels like, 'Yes, this is a very special piece. But I can drop a plate on it and not cry and not get in trouble,'" she says.

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► This healthier version of the crispy patties eliminates the hidden calories

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Start with lean protein, such as chicken, turkey breasts or even crab.

For the fillers, lean toward vegetables, which add more flavour and moisture, rather than starches such as breadcrumbs or rice. Aromatics, such as onions, garlic and peppers, season while also

adding a variety of colours and textures.

And if you do want to add a starch, consider using sweet potato, which is packed with fibre.

When it comes to the wet binders, opt for egg whites, which won't contain the fatty yolks and still have binding power.

Finally, though many croquettes are cooked in generous amounts of fat, with a good non-stick pan, you should be able to get satisfyingly crispy results using just cooking spray.

Preparation:

1 Relish: In a small bowl whisk together red peppers, oregano, thyme, jelly, salt and scallions. Set aside.

2 Croquettes: In a large non-stick skillet over high, heat oil. Add sweet potato, onion and red bell pepper. Saute until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes.

Transfer vegetable mixture to a large bowl. Wipe out the skillet and set aside.

3 Add chicken, lemon juice, oregano, thyme, salt and pepper, then stir to combine. Add egg whites and sour cream, then stir again.

4 Place breadcrumbs in a dish. Divide chicken mixture into 12 balls, using about 30 ml (2 heaping tbsp) per ball. Roll balls in breadcrumbs.

5 Return skillet to medium-high heat and coat with cooking spray. Add 6 of the balls, flattening them into patties

with a spatula. Cook until golden-brown, 3 to 4 minutes per side.

6 Transfer croquettes to a serving platter and cover with foil. Coat skillet with additional cooking spray, then repeat with remaining balls. Serve with red pepper relish.

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Ingredients:

Relish

- 1 jar (375 ml/12 oz) roasted red peppers, drained and diced
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) fresh oregano, chopped
- 10 ml (2 tsp) fresh thyme, chopped
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) hot pepper jelly
- Pinch salt
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced

Croquettes

- 5 ml (1 tsp) canola oil
- 250 ml (1 cup) uncooked shredded sweet potato

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) finely chopped yellow onion
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) finely chopped red bell pepper
- 500 ml (2 cups) finely chopped cooked chicken breast or turkey breast
- 10 ml (2 tsp) lemon juice
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) dried oregano
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) dried thyme
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 2 large egg whites
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) reduced-fat sour cream
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) plain breadcrumbs



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► Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff, centre, watches the play from the bench on a delayed penalty call with teammates, from left, Jay Bouwmeester, Adam Pardy and Robyn Regehr during the second period last night.

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Flames' playoff hopes look grim after shutout loss to Wild

Niklas Backstrom returned from a hip injury to make 37 saves for his second shutout of the season in Minnesota's 6-0 victory over the Flames. Martin Havlat had two goals and an assist, and Mikko Koivu, John Madden, Cal Clutterbuck and Chuck Kobasew also scored. Kyle Brodziak had three assists and Andrew Brunette added two. Coming off victories over Vancouver on Sunday night and in Edmonton on Tuesday night with Anton Khudobin in goal, the Wild have won three straight and seven of their last 10. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

New rules should aid CFL in Ottawa

► 'It puts you in a competitive position right off the bat,' ownership group's Jeff Hunt says

When Ottawa's latest shot at success in the Canadian Football League takes to the field in 2013, it should be better equipped to compete than the last version.

The league announced an expansion draft plan yesterday that will give the as-yet-unnamed team significant advantages over what the Ottawa Renegades faced in 2002.

The biggest change will see existing teams allowed to protect only one quarterback, one less than was the

case the last time around.

"In my opinion, it's another positive step forward on this road we've been going down for the last two-and-a-half years," said Ottawa ownership group frontman Jeff Hunt, noting that none of the quarterbacks in the Renegades inaugural training camp had taken a snap in the CFL the previous season.

"This time, it's very realistic we'll have two quarterbacks coming in who have CFL experience."

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The number of games the Ottawa Renegades won during their four seasons of existence.

There are several other improvements approved by the league that should help Ottawa in establishing itself as a competitive team.

In the first round of the import draft, existing

teams can protect only one quarterback and 10 imports, allowing Ottawa to select one import player from each team. In the second round, each club can protect only six non-imports.

Ottawa will also have the first pick in each round of the 2013 Canadian draft as well as the final selection in the first four rounds of the 2012 draft. Those selections will be restricted to red-shirted NCAA players.

Ottawa will also be al-

lowed to start building a negotiation list prior to its first season.

League commissioner Mark Cohon said he believes the format strikes a good balance.

"Our goal has been clear throughout: To give Ottawa the chance to field a competitive team without unfairly undermining our existing franchises," he said in a statement. "We are confident this plan meets that objective."

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GM overruled by Yanks owner

In a move mirroring those of his father, Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner overruled general manager Brian Cashman in giving a \$35-million US, three-year contract to Rafael Soriano.

After a news conference to introduce Mariano Rivera's new setup man yesterday, Cashman said he didn't think it was worth paying closer money for a

"This is Hal Steinbrenner and his family's franchise."

BRIAN CASHMAN

pitcher the team plans to use in the eighth inning.

Cashman didn't want to lose his first-round pick in June's amateur draft, which will now go to Tampa Bay as

compensation.

"I think it's certainly a sign that at times if Hal feels that he wants to go in a different direction, that could happen," Cashman said. "I think that's certainly the case. This is their team. Does that happen often? Will it happen a lot? I just think it depends on the circumstances."

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Woods will start season in San Diego

Tiger Woods officially entered the Farmers Insurance Open yesterday, which has become the traditional start of his season since 2006.

He has won the last five times he played San Diego's Torrey Pines, including the 2008 U.S. Open in a playoff

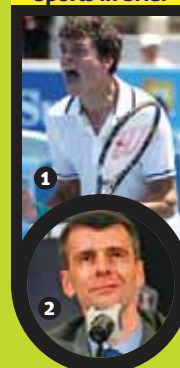
over Rocco Mediate.

He has not played the PGA stop at Torrey Pines the last two years, missing the tournament in 2009 recovering from knee surgery and last year while dealing with personal problems related to his extramarital affairs. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sports in brief



1 Canada's Milos Raonic upset Michael Llodra at the Australian Open to reach the third round.

2 Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov has told the team to end discussions on the Carmelo Anthony deal. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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d-Tampa Bay	47	27	15	3	2	140	150	59	14-4-1-1	13-11-2-1	6-4-0-0	W1
Pittsburgh	47	29	14	2	2	150	110	62	16-5-1-0	14-5-1-2	5-3-0-2	W3
Washington	47	25	14	5	3	133	124	58	16-5-2-3	9-9-3-0	5-2-3-0	L1
NY Rangers	48	27	18	2	1	139	115	57	12-10-1-1	15-8-1-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Montreal	47	26	17	4	0	118	113	56	16-6-3-0	10-11-0-0	6-3-1-0	L1
Atlanta	48	23	18	3	4	146	153	53	11-9-1-2	12-9-2-2	4-5-1-0	W1
Carolina	46	22	18	2	2	137	145	50	11-8-1-1	11-10-1-3	4-4-2-0	L2
Florida	45	21	20	2	2	123	119	46	11-8-2-2	10-12-0-0	5-3-1-1	L2
Buffalo	45	20	20	5	0	123	132	45	11-11-1-0	9-9-4-0	6-3-1-0	W1
Toronto	45	18	22	2	3	114	139	41	9-10-2-2	9-12-0-1	5-4-0-1	L3
Ottawa	47	17	23	4	3	103	144	41	9-13-1-2	8-10-3-1	2-6-0-2	L3
NY Islanders	44	14	23	3	4	108	148	35	8-9-1-2	6-14-2-1	4-5-0-1	L1
New Jersey	45	13	29	2	1	90	140	29	7-13-1-1	6-16-0-0	4-5-2-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	46	29	10	4	3	152	113	65	15-5-1-0	14-7-3-1	6-2-1-1	L2
d-Detroit	46	28	12	4	2	158	135	62	14-5-3-1	14-7-1-1	5-3-1-1	L1
d-Dallas	46	28	13	1	4	135	119	61	15-6-1-3	13-7-0-1	7-2-0-1	W5
Nashville	46	25	15	4	2	124	111	56	11-4-3-2	14-11-1-0	8-2-0-0	W1
Anaheim	49	26	19	2	2	131	136	56	17-7-0-1	9-12-2-1	8-2-0-0	W2
Phoenix	47	23	15	6	3	136	135	55	10-7-3-2	13-8-3-1	6-2-1-1	L2
Chicago	47	25	18	2	2	150	139	54	16-11-0-0	9-7-2-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Colorado	46	24	16	6	0	152	146	54	13-8-3-0	11-8-3-0	5-4-1-0	W2
Minnesota	46	23	18	1	4	117	128	51	11-11-0-2	12-7-1-2	6-4-0-0	W2
San Jose	47	23	19	4	1	136	133	51	11-10-2-1	12-9-2-0	3-7-0-0	W2
St. Louis	45	22	17	2	4	121	129	50	15-8-0-2	7-9-2-2	4-5-0-1	W2
Los Angeles	46	24	21	1	0	134	117	49	15-8-1-0	13-10-0-0	2-8-0-0	L2
Columbus	47	22	20	3	2	123	147	49	12-10-0-1	10-10-3-1	3-5-1-1	W1
Calgary	46	20	20	2	4	126	137	46	11-8-0-1	8-12-2-4	5-2-1-2	L1
Edmonton	45	14	24	1	6	113	155	35	7-12-1-2	7-12-1-3	2-7-0-1	L3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

N.Y. Rangers 7 Toronto 0
Columbus 3 Florida 2 (OT)
Minnesota at Calgary

Tuesday's results

Anaheim 2 Ottawa 1 (SO)
Buffalo 2 Montreal 1 (OT)
Colorado 4 Vancouver 3 (OT)
Minnesota 4 Edmonton 1
Boston 3 Carolina 2
Nashville 5 Phoenix 2
Philadelphia 3 Washington 2 (OT)
Pittsburgh 4 Detroit 1
St. Louis 2 Los Angeles 1
Tampa Bay 3 Columbus 2 (SO)

Tonight's games

All Times Eastern

Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

RANGERS 7, MAPLE LEAFS 0

First Period

1. N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 12 (Avery, Anisimov) 10:55
2. N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 16 (Staal, Gaborik) 12:45 (pp)
3. N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 13 (Anisimov, Avery) 13:21
4. N.Y. Rangers, Fedotenko 9 (Prust, Staal) 15:40
Penalties — Newbury NYR (boarding) 3:13,
Drury NYR (delay of game) 7:44, Orr Tor (interference) 12:16, Boyce Tor (roughing) 20:00.

Second Period

5. N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 14 (Avery, Anisimov) 11:15
6. N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 15 (Anisimov, Wolski) 14:44 (pp)
Penalties — Schenn Tor, Weise NYR (fighting) 7:32, Orr Tor (charging) 13:20.

Third Period

7. N.Y. Rangers, Zuccarello 3 (Stapan, Wolski) 0:53
Penalties — Gilroy NYR (hooking) 4:16, Phaeu Tor, Newbury NYR (fighting, misconduct) 11:18, Armstrong Tor, McDonagh NYR (roughing) 12:41, Orr Tor (slashing major, game misconduct) 18:03.

Shots

Toronto 8 5 9 —22
N.Y. Rangers 14 10 4 —28

Goal (shots-saves) — Toronto: Gustavsson (16-13-2) (25-19), Giguere (13-21 first) (3-2); N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (W-10-14-3).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 0-3; N.Y. Rangers: 2-4.

Referees — Wes McCauley, Francois St. Laurent.

Linesmen — Anthony Sericolo, Mark Shewchuk.

Att. — 18,200 (18,200) at New York.

WILD 6, FLAMES 0

First Period

1. Minnesota, Havlat 12 (Brodziaak, Zanon) 3:25
2. Minnesota, Koyu 12 (Cullen, Brunette) 6:04 (pp)
Penalty — Babchuk Cal (elbowing) 5:29.

Second Period

3. Minnesota, Madden 7 (Brunette, Kobasew) 18:23
Penalties — Glencross Minn (boarding major) 1:19, Havlat Minn (tripping) 9:40, Bouchard Minn (hooking) 13:21.

Third Period

4. Minnesota, Clutterbuck 14 (Brodziaak, Havlat) 2:48
5. Minnesota, Kobasew 8 (Madden) 12:04
6. Minnesota, Havlat 13 (Clutterbuck, Brodziaak) 17:08

Penalty — Sarich Cal (interference) 14:22.

Shots

Minnesota 9 9 6 —24
Calgary 9 12 16 —37

Goal — Minnesota: Backstrom (W-14-10-3); Calgary: Kiprusoff (L-17-18-2). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — Minnesota: 1-3; Calgary: 0-2.

Referees — Marc Joannette, Kyle Rehman.

Linesmen — Brian Panchich, Dan Schachte.

Att. — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pph	32	34	66
Stamkos, TB	35	28	63
D.Sedin, Vcr	27	32	59
St. Louis, TB	19	38	57
H.Sedin, Vcr	9	47	56
B.Richards, Dal	18	36	54
Zetterberg, Det	16	35	51

Not including last night's games

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia

Thursday's results

MEN

Singles

Second Round

Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Ryan Sweeting, United States, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., def. Michael Llodra (22), France, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Alexandr Dolgoplov, Ukraine, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 6-3, 6-0, 3-6, 7-6 (3).

WOMEN

Singles

Second Round

Kim Clijsters (3), Belgium, def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-1, 6-3.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Jelena Jankovic (7), Serbia, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Shahar Peer (10), Israel, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 6-3, 6-2.

Agnieszka Radwanska (12), Poland, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 6-3, 6-4.

Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Maria Kirilenko (18), Russia, 6-3, 6-1.

Flavia Pennetta (22), Italy, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-2, 6-2.

Serija Halep, Romania, def. Alisa Kleybanova (24), Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Petra Kvitova (25), Czech Republic, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.

Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Caroline Garcia, France, 6-4, 6-4.

Wednesday's results

MEN

Singles — Second Round

Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Gilles Simon, France, 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3.

Nikola Djokovic (3), Serbia, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 7-5, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-2.

Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

Andy Roddick (8), U.S., def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 7-6 (7), 6-2, 6-3.

Fernando Verdasco (9), Spain, def. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, 2-6, 4-6, 7-6 (0), 6-4.

Gael Monfils (12), France, def. Frederico Gil, Portugal, 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2.

Nicolas Almagro (14), Spain, def. Igor Andrejev, Russia, 7-5, 2-6, 4-6, 7-6 (10), 7-5.

Tommy Robredo, Spain, def. Mardy Fish (16), U.S., 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Ivan Ljubicic (17), Croatia, def. Benoit Paire, France, 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Stanislav Wawrinka (19), Switzerland, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.

Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Albert Montanes (25), Spain, 6-4, 6-0, 6-1.

Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Juan Monaco (26), Argentina, 6-4, 6-3, 6-6, 6-2.

Richard Gasquet (28), France, def. Adrian Panatta, France, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Viktor Troicki (29), Serbia, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Kei Nishikori, Japan, def. Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-4, 6-3, 0-6, 6-3.

Doubles — First Round

Bob and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., def. Scott Lipsky and Rajeev Ram, United States, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto, def. James Duckworth and Benjamin Russell, Australia, 6-3, 6-3.

Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Philipp Petzschner (6), Germany, def. Brian Dabul, Argentina, and Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 7-6 (3), 6-1.

David Marrero and Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, def. Lukas Dlouhy, Czech Republic, and Paul Hanley (7), Australia, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

Michael Llodra, France, and Nenad Zimonjic (8), Serbia, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, and Victor Hanesescu, Romania, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-2.

Mark Knowles, Bahamas, and Mikhail Merti-nak (12), Slovakia, def. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, and Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Pablo Andujar and Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, and Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Alexandr Dolgoplov, Ukraine, and Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, and Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-2.

Eric Butorac, U.S., and Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands Antilles, def. Andrew Golubev, Kazakhstan, and Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-0.

Carsten Ball and Chris Guccione, Australia, def. James Lemke and Matt Reid, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, and Pere Riba, Spain, def. Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Christopher Kas, Germany, 6-4, 7-5.

Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Philipp Marx, Germany, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, and Andreas Seppi, Italy, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 7-6 (5).

Jeremy Chardy and Arnaud Clement, France, def. Travis Parrott, U.S., and Ken Skupski, Britain, 6-4, 6-3.

Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, and Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Juan Ignacio Chela and Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 7-5, 6-3.

WOMEN

Singles — Second Round

Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Vania King, U.S., 6-1, 6-0.

Venus Williams (4), U.S., def. Sandra Zakhavova, Czech Republic, 6-7 (6), 6-0, 6-4.

Francesca Schiavone (6), Italy, def. Rebecca Marino, Vancouver, 6-3, 5-7, 9-7.

Victoria Azarenka (8), Belarus, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.

Li Na (9), China, def. Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.

Justine Henin (11), Belgium, def. Elena Baltacha, Britain, 6-1, 6-3.

Maria Sharapova (16), Russia, def. Virginie Razza, France, 7-5 (3), 6-3.

Vesna Manasieva, Russia, def. Marion Bartoli (15), France, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Kaia Kanepi (20), Estonia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Anastasiya Sevastova, Latvia, def. Yanina Wickmayer (21), Belgium, 6-4, 6-2.

Svetlana Kuznetsova (23), Russia, def. Arantxa Parraza, Russia, 6-1, 6-4.

Dominika Cibulkova (29), Slovakia, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

Andrea Petkovic (30), Germany, def. Anne Keothavong, England, 2-6, 7-5, 6-0.

Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Tsvetana Pironkova (32), Bulgaria, 6-4, 6-1.

Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def. Regina Kulikova, Russia, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

Barbara Zakhavova, Czech Republic, def. Jelena Dokic, Australia, 7-6 (3), 6-1.

Doubles — First Round

Gisela Dulko, Argentina, and Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Sania Mirza, India, and Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-1.

Liesel Huber, U.S., and Nadia Petrova (3), Russia, def. Daniela Dominikovic and Jessica Moore, Australia, 6-3, 6-0.

Nuria Llagostera Vives and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (4), Spain, def. Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci, Italy, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Agnieszka Radwanska (8), Poland, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, and Anastasiya Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Meghann Shaughnessy (9), U.S., def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, and Mariya Koryttseva, Ukraine, 6-1, 6-1.

Elena Vesnina and Vera Zvonareva (13), Russia, def. Monique Adamczak and Isabella Holland, Australia, 6-1, 6-1.

Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, and Anabel Medina Garrigues (15), Spain, def. Vera Dushdevina and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.

Sorana Cirstea, Romania, and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Sarah Borwell, Britain, and Marie-Eve Pelletier, Repentigny, Que., 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears, U.S., def. Polona Hercog,

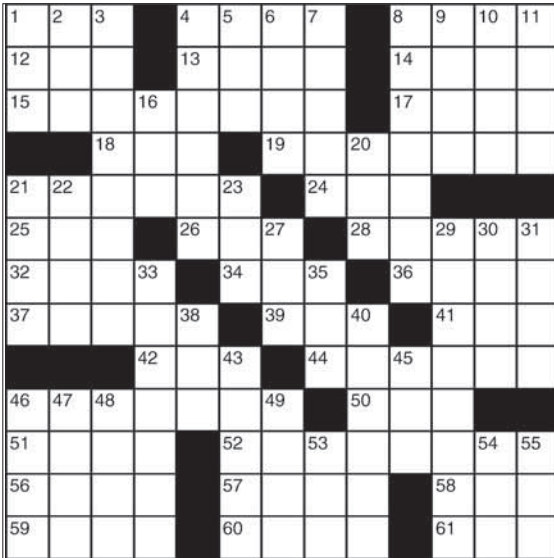
Crossword

Across

1 Ostrich's cousin
4 Obi, e.g.
8 Luminary
12 Police officer
13 Look lasciviously
14 Sulk
15 Against the current
17 Eject
18 Bill
19 Studied primarily, with "in"
21 Light blond
24 Enthusiast
25 Journal
26 AAA job
28 Avoids
32 Worked with
34 Slight touch
36 Lover's quarrel
37 Make less bright
39 Pouch
41 Coll. transcript no.
42 Luminox
44 Follower of a pair of hips?
46 Flute's little kin
50 Lillie or Arthur
51 Pennsylvania port
52 On the ascendant
56 Barracks array
57 Carina
58 Storm center
59 Dandling site
60 Tend texts
61 Drops on the grass

Down

1 Old French coin
2 Swab
3 Stole the attention from
4 Fruity ice
5 Time of your life?
6 Bridge coup
7 Macho type
8 Gets even?
9 Go sightseeing
10 Church area
11 Pensioned (Abbr.)
16 Strain
20 Roast's drippings, in a sense
21 Blunder
22 Mislay
23 Affirmative action
27 Existed
29 Improved, as software
30 California wine valley
31 Go no farther
33 Bishop's bailiwick



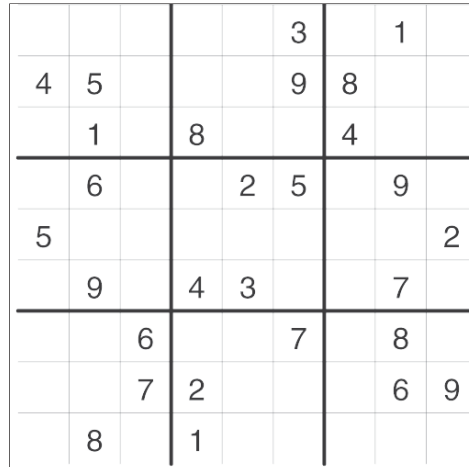
35 "Humbug!"
38 Long March leader
40 Strong greenish blue
43 Lucky accident
45 " — the ramparts ..."
46 Bushel fraction
47 Press
48 Give as an example
49 Pundit's column
53 Early Chinese dynasty
54 Caustic

55 Archery bow wood
solution

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

A look at the weather

TODAY Min -12° Max 3°
FRIDAY Min -5° Max 7°
SATURDAY Min -5° Max 2°

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Friendships will assume even greater importance than usual over the next few days. Make sure you are on good terms with people you have to deal with on a daily basis.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
It's the time to make your bid for glory. Today, the Sun's transit of the midheaven angle of your chart will bring new opportunities, but it's up to you to do something with them.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Being a Gemini, you will most likely rush in where angels fear to tread today, especially as the Sun's move into your fellow Air sign of Aquarius endows you with unlimited self-confidence.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
If you are the kind of Cancerian who rarely gives thought to the future, you need to change your ways. You're not getting any younger and you need to start building up a nest egg.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23
You can't do it alone. If you want to get things done over the next few weeks, you will have to rediscover the joys of partnership. Surely, you remember what that is!

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Pay close attention to details today because the smallest thing could trip you up. Also, if some of your everyday routines have become a bit of a chore now is the time to replace them with something more inspiring.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Put all thoughts of fear and failure behind you and resolve to make a success of your life. All things are possible.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
You need to break down whatever barrier there is between you and a loved one. No matter what caused it or whose fault it might have been if you make the first move, you can get things back to how they were.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
This should be a fun time for you, so ignore those who say you should be worried about the state of the world. You've never believed it's as bad as some people say. Unlike them, you're not turned on by doom and gloom.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
The Sun leaves your birth sign today, but that does not mean that your luck is about to run out. On the contrary, if you keep doing what you've been doing the past few weeks, you'll be richer than ever.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
A new solar year begins for you, today, and you are eager to start building that new life you promised yourself. Make sure your vision is clear and your plan is simple.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Sometimes, you can be a bit too sensitive for your own good and that could be a problem today. Yes, others may be suffering, but it's not your fault. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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